

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Third Hampshire Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Third Hampshire Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (247) of these admissions resided in the Third Hampshire Representative District.¹ **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Third Hampshire Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% were male and 31% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 76% were white non-Latino, 8% were black non-Latino, 8% were Latino, and 8% were other racial categories.
- 55% were never married, 19% were married, and 26% reported not to be married now.
- 18% of admissions had less than high school education, 40% completed high school, and 42% had more than high school education.
- 37% were employed.
- 4% were homeless.
- 46% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance for which the clients seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Third Hampshire Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	60%	17%	9%	5%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug use (IDUs), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Third Hampshire Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	286	262	94	49	48	29	27
FY '96	247	225	101	44	36	27	12
FY '97	282	238	111	50	43	43	15
FY '98	299	250	103	37	24	47	22
FY '99	293	255	112	66	41	52	28
FY '00	268	221	72	59	45	68	51
FY '01	342	294	91	46	46	91	69
FY '02	259	222	66	52	38	77	50
FY '03	247	207	70	52	38	46	27